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House Committees:

- Appropriations
- Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade
- Health Care

Other committees:

- Joint Select Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs
- Governor's Global Competitive Council
- Joint Legislative and Executive Task Force on Long Term Care Financing and Chronic Care Management
- Certificate of Need
- Joint Legislative Task Force on Mental Health
- Select Committee on Pension Policy

A letter from Rep. Barbara Bailey. . .

Dear friends,

In the months leading up to the 2006 legislative session, I have been involved in numerous committees bringing your concerns to the table on issues that affect the 10th District and the state.

As a member of the House Health Care Committee and several subcommittees, I am working to expand citizens' access to affordable consumer-driven health care and long-term care.

Maintaining fiscal discipline in our state budget, protecting taxpayers and responsibly funding pensions are among my top priorities in our budget and pension policy committees.

In my new position on the House Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade Committee, and through my new appointment to the Governor's Global Competitive Council, I am working to increase economic and world trade opportunities for our local farmers and businesses.

The 2006 session, which began Jan. 9, is a short one – only 60 days – but an important one for our district and for the state. This newsletter provides a brief outline of our goals and views – and most importantly – those issues you've told us you wish to see addressed during the 2006 session.

I encourage you to contact my office with your suggestions, concerns and questions.

It is an honor to serve you.

Rep. Barbara Bailey



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Come to Olympia for 10th District Day!

Join your 10th District Representatives in Olympia and learn more about the legislative process. Reps. Bailey and Strow will be hosting a District Day on Wednesday, March 1.

Guests will begin the day at 9:45 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. Visitors will tour the Capital Campus facilities and may have the opportunity to watch floor action. You will have the opportunity to meet with your Representatives during a brown bag lunch (guests should provide their own lunch.)

For more information or to RSVP please call either:

Rep. Chris Strow's office at (360) 786-7884 or Rep. Barbara Bailey's office at (360) 786-7914.

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- Capital Budget
- Criminal Justice & Corrections
- Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade
- Financial Institutions and Insurance

A letter from Rep. Chris Strow. . .

Dear friends and neighbors,

The Legislature began its work in earnest January 9. The scheduled 60-day session will be fast-paced and intense, as we have a very full agenda with many important issues to address.

During the interim I have been working with state and local elected officials to create legislation that would improve public safety, expand access to higher education, and ensure our parks and natural resources are well maintained and accessible to all citizens.

As a member of the House Capital Budget Committee I will continue to work to enhance our local communities by shepherding appropriate levels of state money to 10th District for infrastructure, housing, and cultural and heritage projects.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. I hope you will contact either one of us with questions or comments on issues raised in this newsletter or any other topics on your mind. If you are planning a visit to Olympia, please come by our offices and say hello.

I look forward to working with members of both parties to improve the quality of life 10th District citizens as well as the entire state of Washington.

Sincerely,

Chris Strow
State Representative



Rep. Barbara Bailey Rep. Chris Strow

Goals and Views - 2006 Legislative Session

10th District

OUR

COMMITMENT

TO YOU...

BUDGET and TAXES

Put government on a budget by restoring voter-approved tax and spending limits.



- **Rep Bailey:** “Last session, the majority party eliminated the voter-approved I-601 spending limit and made it easier to raise taxes. Then they raised taxes on cigarettes and alcohol and restored the death tax. This year, we have a \$1.4 billion budget surplus and there’s nothing in place to protect taxpayers from government’s desire to spend. I will be working in the House Appropriations Committee to restore the tax and spending limits and insist on fiscal discipline with taxpayers’ money. Instead of spending the surplus on costly new programs and adding 500 state employees as the governor has proposed, we should close the big hole in the pension system, sock away money for a rainy day, and repeal the death tax.”
- **Rep. Strow:** “There will be a lot of pressure on members of the majority party to spend the budget surplus down. I am committed to protecting families and employers against unnecessary government spending and adopting balanced and responsible state budgets. It’s time to put state government on a budget by restoring voter-approved tax-and-spending limits.”



Rep. Barbara Bailey and Rep. Chris Strow work together on legislation in the House Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Protect our kids from sex offenders by passing “Jessica’s Law.”



- **Rep. Strow:** “One of the most important priorities for the 2006 Legislative session will be to enact real protection for the most vulnerable citizens – helpless children - from sex predators. Our laws have failed to adequately shield children from the dangers of child molesters and child rapists. We must work together in a bipartisan manner to increase penalties for criminals who prey on children and require long-term, or lifetime monitoring in some cases, for sex offenses.”
- **Rep. Bailey:** “There is no more fundamental duty of government than ensuring the protection of innocent, helpless children. Unfortunately, our laws have allowed for sex predators to return to our neighborhoods only months after preying on children. We need to have stronger sentences against child rapists and require lifetime electronic monitoring for certain sex crimes.”

HEALTH CARE

Give health care back to patients by allowing affordable, tailored choices that work best for them and their families.



- **Rep. Bailey:** “I will continue this session to push for solutions that address the high cost of health care, such as removing government mandates, giving employers greater flexibility to offer affordable basic health coverage for working families, promoting consumer-driven private health insurance and Health Savings Accounts, and enacting liability reforms to control the escalating cost of medical malpractice insurance.”
- **Rep. Strow:** “My goal is to adopt real tort reform measures, encourage medical savings accounts and offer more flexibility in insurance options for consumers. We must address these issues in order to truly take control of health care decisions away from government bureaucracy and big insurance companies and give it back to consumers.”

FAMILIES

Welcome families to our state parks by eliminating the day use fee.



- **Rep. Strow:** “Families in Washington are fortunate to have among the most scenic state parks in the nation in our own backyard. Our state parks should be accessible to every citizen without paying a park entrance fee. There are very few affordable activities available for families and state parks should remain one of them. I am spon-

soring legislation to eliminate day-use park fees, something I consider to be a common-sense measure.

- **Rep. Bailey:** “The 10th District offers some of the most beautiful state parks in Washington. Yet, local families on tight budgets are kept away from enjoying these recreational opportunities because they cannot afford the park fees. These parks belong to all of us. It’s time to eliminate the fees and bring back families to our state parks.”

AGRICULTURE & LAND USE

Strengthen the family farm by providing tax relief, allow families to use their land as intended, ensure access to water, and prevent government from taking property without compensation.



- **Rep. Bailey:** “Local farmers are struggling against increasing fuel, fertilizer and tax expenses, increasing minimum wage rates, global competition, and burdensome land, water and labor regulations. Let’s move forward with policies that will allow agriculture to thrive in our state, especially in the area of land use. Our state constitution is very clear: ‘No private property shall be taken or damaged for public or private use without just compensation having been first made.’ We need to hold government accountable to the law, including cases involving mandated critical area buffers.”
- **Rep. Strow:** “Agriculture is a major source of income and employment for many Washingtonians. The Legislature must step up to the plate and help to protect the economic vitality of our agricultural based industries.”

JOBS & ECONOMY

Get government out of the way of job growth by removing the regulatory burden on small business, repealing the death tax, and reforming unemployment insurance.



- **Rep. Strow:** “Washington’s employers are mired in a maze of bureaucracy and onerous state agency rules. All of which are killing current and future job growth in our state.”
- **Rep. Bailey:** “Total state regulation has expanded to fill 32 phonebook-sized volumes, forming a stack of paper more than five feet high. Employers spend valuable time and money trying to comply with everything – and that means less time and money for creating jobs.”

Legislative Watch List • Watch for our sponsored legislation in the 2006 session

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- Health insurance for small employers - Would increase health insurance options and bring down costs to make it more affordable for small employers to provide health coverage to their employees.
- Health mandates analysis - Mandates drive up the cost of health insurance by nearly 50 percent. Not everyone needs the coverage of every mandate. This legislation would provide a cost-benefit analysis to determine which mandates should stay and which should go.
- Protecting the right to farm - Would preserve the ability of long-time local farmers to continue their agricultural-type land uses while protecting sensitive environmental areas.

Rep. Chris Strow

- Banning alcohol sales on state run ferries - Would ban the sale of alcoholic beverages on state run ferries, which are considered part of the state’s highway system.
- Protecting children from sex predators. I’m sponsoring several bills to help law enforcement track offenders by requiring re-registration every 90 days for level 3 sex offenders and longterm, in some cases lifetime GPS monitoring of sex offenders.
- Eliminate day use fees to state park. Would remove day use fees to state parks and give our parks back to the families of Washington.